



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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January 19, 2021

Michelle Diffenderfer
Lewis Longman Walker
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West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Ms. Diffenderfer:

Thank you for your letter dated December 17, 2020, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding a request for Government to Government consultation on the State of Florida's GIS mapping tool for the retained waters list with respect to the State's assumption of a Clean Water Act Section 404 program. Your letter was forwarded to the EPA Region 4 for a response. In addition, the EPA received a copy of the email issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to your office on December 17, 2020, which provided a link (<https://go.usa.gov/xAPJN>) to their GIS mapping tool in response to your letter.

The EPA approved the State of Florida's request to assume administration of a Section 404 program on December 17, 2020. The State of Florida's program became effective on December 22, 2020, upon the publication in the Federal Register of the notice of the EPA's approval of the State of Florida's request. The State of Florida's GIS mapping tool was not a component of the State's request and therefore was not subject to the EPA's approval decision. If the Tribe has any questions about the GIS mapping tool, we encourage you to contact the State of Florida at State_404@FloridaDEP.gov.

We appreciate your desire to protect and preserve the environment and to engage on water matters impacting Tribal interests, so if there are other matters related to 404 Assumption that you would like to discuss or if the EPA may be of further assistance on this issue, please contact me or Rosemary Calli of my staff at (404) 562-9846.

Sincerely,

JEANEANNE GETTLE

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